

# History Department

History at Chase High School has developed to be one of the best performing and most popular subjects in the School at all Key Stages. We teach in line with the National Curriculum with a growing emphasis on British History. We offer History across all Key Stages.

At Key Stage 3, we give our students a strong, rounded view of History rather than 'start the GCSE two years early'. Topics covered at KS3 include Roman Britain, The Norman Conquest, Medieval Society, Renaissance, Reformation, Age of Discovery, Industrial Revolution, Hitler, Cold War, Elizabeth and the Tudors, Slavery, Causes of World War 1, Casualties in WW1, WW2, The Holocaust, The Cold War and Britain in the 50s and 60s. Each of these SOWs are fully resourced with lessons, resources and videos for each lesson.

The strength of our approach in KS3 is reflected by the high numbers taking GCSE History. We currently have three classes going into Year 11 and four coming into Year 10. At KS4, we do the Edexcel Specification – Warfare Through Time, Superpower Relations, Elizabethan England and Germany 18-39. We have developed an approach to learning and revision that have proven to be successful. This year we were on course for 80% of students achieving 4 and above.

Our approach is to work collaboratively to maximise the outcome for our students. You will never start planning a lesson with a blank page. There is a full bank of resources and lessons for all the lessons at KS3 and KS4. Our approach is rooted in Hattie's maximising of progress and Dweck's emphasis on Growth Mindset.

We are fully committed to the development of our Teachers. We have a strong track record in mentoring teachers through their NQT Year. CPD is offered internally by the School across a wide range of topics. Teachers can also avail of external training opportunities. Our approach has a strong focus on work/life balance with a proven system around homework, DIRT time and students taking ownership of their progress.

The History Department is a supportive environment where new staff are helped to settle in and become a valued member of the Team. We are passionate about History and want to infect our students with this passion! We deliver lessons which develop key Historical Skills with pace and vigour. We want our students to have a good overview of key Historical events and to see as many as possible be successful at KS4 and A Levels. We organise trips for each Year group and the KS4 Trip to Berlin has become something of a legend!

The facilities for teachers match our quest to be 'outstanding'. We will be moving into a new building in the October half term with two dedicated History Classrooms – both with smartboards. There is an office with shared facilities.